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REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 and 31-57 were pending in the Application. Applicants have amended claims 26 and 52 and canceled claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

2. Amendments to the Claims

The Examiner rejected Claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as their invention. The Examiner further explained that Claim 52 is currently dependent upon cancelled Claim 30 and thus is incomplete. Applicants have amended Claim 52 to be dependent on allowed Claim 32.

The Examiner rejected Claims 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly rendered obvious by U.S. Patent No. 6,259,369 to Monico in view of apparent official notice. Applicants have amended Claims 26 to be dependent on allowed Claim 2.

3. Conclusion Of Remarks

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3453.

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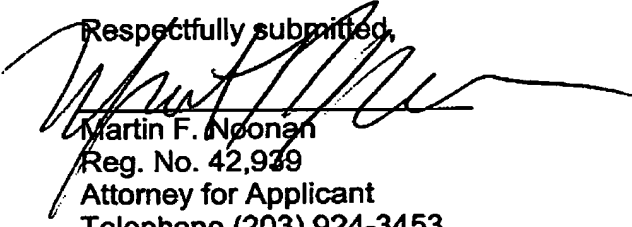
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5. Authorization

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-733.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-733.

Respectfully submitted,



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